

Annual General Meeting 2015

held at the Ingol Social Club

Monday, 5th October 2015 @ 7-30pm

The meeting started at 7:30pm. There were 26 members present and 1 friends of the society. The number of members attending was the same as last year and represented approximately 55% of the society.

Apologies for absence:- Stephen Pennington, James Pennington, Callum Nicholson, Andy Joel, Karen Atherton, Tony Berry and Don Corner (who is in hospital and not well at all)

Minutes of last AGM:-

The minutes from the last AGM were not read out as this would take too long and they had been available, for members to read, on the noticeboard for 2 weeks and on the website for 12 months.

Matters arising:-

- As we did last year, we put up the usual notice and sent out emails to all members for who we hold an email addresses. If you didn't receive an email either you don't have a computer or we do not hold your email address. Members were asked to sign in for the AGM and to provide their email address so that we can keep the mailing list as up to date as possible.

No further matters arising. The minutes from 2014's AGM were proposed by Steve Masterman, seconded by Carl Bowden and approved by the members.

Chairman's Report:-

We are back up to 47 paid up members. With most members paying by standing order; it definitely helps the club to manage the accounts better.

Due to problems with HSBC Bank we closed our accounts with this bank and moved over to Barclays Bank. Things are now running smoother.

As usual the cost of running the clubrooms has increased-more about this later.

This year we were able to renew our lease for another 6 years. The only change has been replacing Martin Sutcliffe with John Farnden as one of the Trustees. After signing the lease we were told that our existing landlords had sold the site and we are now all sorted with new landlords (the existing lease still applies for the next 6 years).

Layouts

'n' gauge – the fiddle yard is in the process of being re-laid, just the branch line to complete. The layout also had a partial rewire at the same time.

Maudling – the lights in the building has been completed and although there is still the odd niggle with the electrics, running takes place at most club nights.

Bee Lane – apart from general maintenance, no new work will be carried out on the layout as it has now been removed from the Exhibition circuit. The layout will eventually be replaced with Euxton Junction.

Euxton Junction – work is progressing well on this layout which will be completed for our 2017 Exhibition. Offers of help in building this layout are gratefully accepted.

Junior Layout – work is progressing on the scenic side with the Juniors busy building models for the layout.

Tin God – this layout is being worked on by Martin Sutcliffe at his home.

Club Members Layouts – Thanks to Carl, Jeremy, Bill, Tony and my team for representing the club at Exhibitions around the country.

Modelling Competition Winners 2015

N gauge

Locos:	no entries	
Rolling Stock:	<i>Allan Jackson</i>	Tank wagons
Scenics:	<i>Les Nerhlich</i>	Signal box

OO Gauge

Locos:	<i>Jeremy Davison</i>	DRS RHTT Train
Rolling Stock:	<i>Jeremy Davison</i>	DRS RHTT Train
Scenics:	<i>Ted Crosby</i>	Coaling station

Larger Scales

Locos:	no entries
Rolling Stock:	no entries
Scenics:	no entries

Trophy Best

Scratch built:	<i>Tony Berry</i>	Ormskirk Pub
Kit Built:	<i>Ted Crosby</i>	Coaling station
Scenic:	<i>David Winder</i>	Tree
Best junior model:	<i>Callum Nicholson</i>	BR 21 ton mineral wagon
Overall:	<i>Jeremy Davison</i>	DRS RHTT Train

The judge for 2015 was Alan Judd who is also known as Mr G Wizz.

Thanks must go to the members who have helped to clean and maintain the club rooms, the committee for their work over the year, James and Anna-Marie Pennington for keeping the brew room stocked and Karen Atherton for brewing up. Last but not least, thanks to Anna-Marie for her secretarial work, sometimes working blind but keeping myself and the committee on our toes. No doubt she will still help out, especially at the Exhibition.

Treasurer's Report:-

The Treasurer handed out copies of the 2014-15 accounts to members before the start of the meeting. He explained that the biggest change is the income from refreshments and attendance. The reason for this being the fact that this money was banked late last year and so the amounts represent approximately 14/15 months of income. The money for layouts £999.81 has been paid back into the bank account from the Exhibition account. There has been a slight increase in rent. The last 2 electricity bills have been estimates. The amount paid for the building has also increased. Miscellaneous income is ink for the printer, money for clothing (which is then put back in). Fabrics covers anything like kettles, tables etc. A lot of work has been done to the men's and ladies toilets this year. The new lease is covered for some considerable time.

The members' yearly subscriptions do not cover the premises and therefore there will need to be an increase in subscription. See AOB.

We have 47 paying members, including Junior members.

John Farnden is to contact the landlord to read the electricity meter to then get a more realistic bill.

The spreadsheet was available for members to see regarding the Exhibition Account. The 2015 Exhibition made just over £2000, which was a lot better than the profit made on the 2014 Exhibition.

These accounts were proposed by Ray Benson, seconded by Allan Jackson and approved by the members.

(See end of minutes for [Account Summary 2014/15](#))

Auditor's Report:-

The auditor explained that there is approximately £9,000 in the Exhibition Account which is a healthy account. He added that Les does a good job with this account and he is very happy with it.

The Club Account cannot be formalised as the Treasurer has not had all the paperwork from the bank yet. Any queries raised had been answered. The Auditor was happy with what he had seen so far and didn't expect many changes to be made when the rest of the paperwork is received from the bank. There is approximately £2,000 in this account.

The Saving Account has just over £13,000 in it. The current Treasurer hasn't done anything to this account.

Election of Officers:-**Committee:-**

The following members stood un-opposed on to the Committee:-

Chairman	Les Nehrlich
Secretary	Andy Joel (proposed Anna-Marie Pennington, seconded Les Nehrlich)
Treasurer	John Farnden

The new officers for the committee are as follows:

- Carl Bowden
- Bill Taylor
- John Wilson
- David Winder (proposed Anna-Marie Pennington, seconded Les Nehrlich)

Existing members were proposed by Neville Davies, seconded by Dave Geraghty and approved by the members.

Allan Jackson agreed to Audit the 2015/16 accounts.

Last Exhibition Report:-

2015 Exhibition Trophy winners:

- Best Scenics (Yvonne Nehrlich Plate): Wedgwood (Tony Berry)
- Best voted by exhibitors (Dave Scott Memorial Trophy): Halifax Kings Cross
- Best in Show: Wellbridge

- This year a profit of just over £2000.00 was made at the Exhibition. This was due to more visitors, an increase in admission charges and a small saving by not having dessert on the Exhibitors meals in the canteen.
- This was also the last exhibition for Bee Lane
- The next exhibition is to be held **5th/6th March 2016** at the same venue.
- The 2016 Exhibition will have most of our usual trade stands. Only one large stand and 1 small stand have been lost due to Leamington & Warwick Exhibition moving date. We will also have some new specialist traders this year along with 20 layouts, preservation stands and demonstrations.

Any other business:-

- New subscription rates were proposed:

Adult member	£186 per annum	£15.50 per month
Junior member	£96 per annum	£8.00 per month
Senior member	£126 per annum	£10.50 per month

This increase was proposed by the Committee, Seconded by Mike Pye and approved by the members.
- Standing Order forms were available for members. All members, for who we have email addresses, will be emailed the new details.
- Ray asked that more members could be assigned to ‘man the door’ at the 2016 Exhibition. Les explained that we are going to have a Chief Steward who will hold a list of jobs for people. He also added that experienced members will still need to man the door but every effort will be made to have more members assigned to this job.

- Michael Duffy-Price proposed a vote of thanks for the work Anna-Marie has given to the committee over the last 4 years. The members showed their appreciation by a round of applause.
- John Wilson said that club members working on Euxton Junction would like to test it out in early November. A notice will be put on the chalkboard to let members know when this will happen; as Bee Lane won't be available.
- It was decided that any carers attending our Exhibitions in the future will not need to pay an entrance fee. Only the person who is being cared for will pay.
- Ian Robinson was celebrating his birthday and his wife had made some rice crispy slices, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the members present – thank you Mrs Robinson!

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at **8:10pm**.

Following hot pot and apple pie with cream or ice cream, Alan Judd from G Wizz gave a talk on Swiss Railways.

<u>Preston and District Model Railway Society Account Summary</u>				<u>2014/2015</u>	
INCOME	£	£	EXPENDITURE	£	£
subscriptions		5668.51	Layouts		999.81
refreshments		529.68	Premises		6307.45
attendance		515.79	rent	4406.94	
Donations		200	fabrics	152.25	
Misc		60	water	248.09	
Layouts (Exhibition)		999.81	electricity	499.74	
			building insurance	555.96	
			club room insurance	264.47	
			lease	180	
			miscellaneous		152.11
			AGM Food		125
			CMRA		25
			PLUMBER		236
Sub Total		7973.79	Sub total		7845.37
Cash	nil		Cash		
Bank		1839.78	Bank		1968.2
TOTAL		9813.57	TOTAL		9813.57